



TIMETABLES

[Loganair - interisland timetable 27 Oct 2024 - 16 Feb 2025](#)

[Orkney Ferries - winter timetable 30 Sep 2024 to 3 May 2025](#)

[Orkney Ferries - refit timetable 5 Jan 2025 to 8 Mar 2025](#)

[OIC - school holidays 2023-2027](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Greener Orkney - beach clean	Sun 1 Dec
OIC special collection	Week commencing Mon 2 Dec
Candlelight carols at 6pm in the kirk	Sun 8 Dec
Funeral of Malcolm Addison at 11am in the kirk	Mon 9 Dec
Children’s Christmas Parties (SWRI)	Wed 11 Dec
School Nativity play “A Midwife Crisis!”	Thu 12 Dec
Last day for School Xmas Card post	Wed 18 Dec
Santa’s Float!	Sat 21 Dec
Watchnight service at 11:30pm in the kirk	Tue 24 Dec
Hogmanay Dance	Tue 31 Dec
Ferry refit timetable starts	Sun 5 Jan
Mobile library van visit	Mon 13 Jan
OIC special collection	Week commencing Mon 10 Feb

SEND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AT NO COST!

You can send greetings to your friends & family via the pages of the December edition of the Limpet and it won’t cost you a penny! Just send the greetings in an email to editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk to arrive before 7pm on Saturday 21 December because the Limpet will be published 10 days earlier than usual

“VISIT STRONSAY” CALENDAR

Do you want to see what’s happening on Stronsay in December? Just click on the following link - <https://visitstronsay.com/events/month/2024-12>

If you want to add an event to the calendar (any date/time, not just in December) contact the Limpet’s editor via email editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk.

Next edition of the Limpet published on **Sat 21 Dec**, the deadline is 7pm on that date. Contact details for the Limpet are on the back page of every edition.

ORKNEY FERRIES - KIRKWALL OFFICE OPENING HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS/HOGMANAY

Monday 23rd December	0700 – 1700
Tuesday 24th December	0700 - 1700
Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th December	Closed
Friday 27th December	0900 – 1300 / 1400 – 1700
Saturday 28th December	0900 – 1200 / 1300 - 1500
Sunday 29th December	0900 – 1200 / 1300 - 1500
Monday 30th December	0900 – 1300 / 1400 – 1700
Tuesday 31st December	0900 – 1300 / 1400 – 1700
Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd January	Closed
Friday 3rd January	0900 – 1300 / 1400 – 1700
Saturday 4th January	0700 – 1200 / 1300 - 1500
Sunday 5th January	0900 – 1500

SAVE OUR SCREEN MACHINE!

Without urgent investment, the Screen Machine mobile cinema service will end.

Please donate to our fundraising campaign to secure its future at:

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/save-our-screen-machine

YouTube video <https://youtu.be/fpUuDlnHS-o>

[Frequently asked questions](#)

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2025

13 January, 10 March, 12 May, 30 June, 25 August, 20 October, 15 December

For further information go to web page <https://orkneylibrary.org.uk/mobile-library>,
send an email to library@orkney.gov.uk or telephone 01856 873166.

Winter	Council Houses	8.45	-	9.45
	School	10	-	12
	Kirk	12.45	-	3
	Fish mart	3.15	-	4.45
Summer/Refit	Council Houses	9.25	-	10
	School	10.15	-	12
	Kirk	12.45	-	3
	Fish mart	3.15	-	5.30



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SCOTLAND

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Children's Christmas Parties

**First party for children in primary 5 and under
from 6pm - 7.30pm**

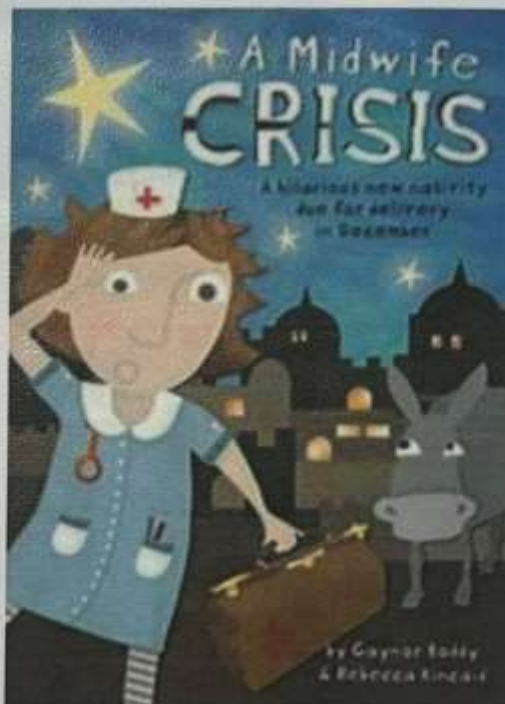
Food, party games and a visit from Santa.
Parents welcome and all children must be
accompanied by an adult.

**Second party for young people
in primary 6 to secondary 4
from 8pm - 9.30pm**

Food, Scottish dancing to Gaynor and Co; and
presents. Young people will be supervised by the
SWRI committee.

Wednesday 11 December
Stronsay Community Centre

Stromsay Junior High School presents...



*Thursday the 12th of December @ Stromsay
Junior High School. Doors open at 1:30pm.*

Join us for SJHS Christmas show including the Nativity - A midwife crisis, musical entertainment from pupils and the Christmas Raffle.

Followed by tea, coffee, juice and biscuits. Raffle tickets will be on sale, some amazing prizes including vouchers for Marion Miller Jewellery, Alison Moore Jewellery, Orkney Distillery, the Orcadian Book Shop and much much more. All proceeds will go towards the school fund.



Christmas Card Delivery

Stromsay Junior High School staff would like to continue this popular tradition

to raise funds for clubs and activities for the children

Christmas cards will be sorted and delivered by

Sheena, Andy and Gaynor

Post boxes are in the shops and school from 1st December 2024

Last postage date is Wednesday 18th December 2024

Donate as you post: 30p per card

Local post only!

WASTE COLLECTION ON STROMSAY

We have had a request from Sinclair Haulage to move the waste collection on Stromsay from weekly on a Tuesday to weekly on a Thursday. There is no operational issue with this change from OIC perspective, this is an operational request from Sinclair Haulage to ensure that a more appropriate vehicle is used for Stromsay's collection.

The commencement of the change has been discussed with Sinclair Haulage and it was decided that it would be better to start this after the festive period which would look like this;

- Tuesday 26/11, 3/12, 10/12, 17/12 as existing arrangement
- Friday 27/12/24, Friday 3/1/25 adjusted collections for the festive period
- Thursday 9/1/2025 ongoing collection day is now Thursday

Any questions please get back to me.

Regards

Mark Vincent, Waste and Recycling Officer.

Neighbourhood Services, OIC, Council Offices, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1NY

Telephone 01856873535 ext 2705

Christmas Services and Events

Sunday 8th December at 6 pm: Informal Carol Singing by Candlelight in the Church Hall (led by Ian Cooper)

Also tea/coffee and mincemeat pies!

Sunday 15th December at 11 am: Christmas Messy Church Café in the Church Hall (led by Viv Erdman)

Sunday 22nd December at 11 am:: Christmas service in the Church Hall (led by David and Ruth Bowen)

Tuesday 24th December at 11.30 pm: Watchnight service in the Church (led by Shirley Whiteman, Bruce Fletcher and the Silver Darlings)

Wednesday 25th December at 10 am: short, informal service in the Church Hall (led by Viv and Mike Erdman)

Sunday 29th December at 11am: last service of the year (led by Bruce Fletcher)

A very warm welcome is extended to all join with us in any or all of these services.





NEWS



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Feedback: we welcome comments, feedback, questions and ideas at any time on any of our projects or new ideas...please speak to any of the board members or message on the SDT Facebook page or email, or see details from Steph below

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Say hello!

Not one, but two new faces...welcome Steph and Aimee!

Hello, My name is Steph and I wanted to introduce myself as a new Assistant Project Manager for SDT. I am new to Stronsay so if you don't know me already, hopefully you will see me soon at upcoming events. I will be assisting with wellbeing projects and will be working on the Community Cinema Project coming 2025! I will also be implementing a new feedback loop between the trust and the islanders in the form of Comment boxes, this will be a way for everyone to ask questions or give feedback to the trust, including anonymously if you prefer. More information to come.

Hello! My name is Aimee, and I'm excited to be joining SDT as a new Assistant Project Officer! Most of you may know me as I grew up on Stronsay, but moved away for work. It feels great to be home and part of the community again. I'll be working on Community Transport projects and helping to create the Stronsay Place Plan, both of which are aimed at making life on the island even better. I'm really looking forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions along the way! I can't wait to get started and hopefully meet many of you soon at local events.

Wellbeing

It's been a busy November for the Project Groups.

- 🔧 The MEN'S SHED delivered their top secret community project to the school. Lower primary are now the proud owners of their very own fold away puppet theatre. The men will now commence work on their new shed 🏠
- ☕ The COMPANIONS have been meeting weekly with Shirley enjoying refreshments and games all new members welcome 🍷
- 🦋 The WILDLIFE group had a winter workshop with information and fun activity. Everyone is welcome to the Wildlife group events and walks 🌲
- 🎭 STAY n PLAY had a visit from Sing and Sign which was enjoyed by all 🎵
- 🔌 THAW visited and are offering support for anyone looking to get a digital energy meter installed 📡
- 🍲 The new READY MEALS ON WHEELS order forms are available for over 80's and those supported by the care team. You can order up to 14 meals per fortnightly order. We hope to expand this pilot project New Year 🗓️

If you would like to try any of our fantastic IWP groups, have any questions about our Ready Meals, Prescription Collection or any other wellbeing matters please call or message for details.

Shani Hall, Stronsay Island Wellbeing Project Coordinator

wellbeing@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com

Tel: 07904 578120 or 01857 616410 or [facebook.com/sdtwellbeing](https://www.facebook.com/sdtwellbeing)



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Recycling Centre Opening Times

Monday 9:15-2:15
 Tuesday 9:15 - 2:15
 Wednesday 9:15 - 2:15
Thursday - Closed
 Friday 9:15 - 2:15

Pop along at opening times with any cardboard or leave in the green bins when out of hours.
 Please do not leave cardboard outside.

Stromsøy Recycling

CARDBOARD LOGS

BOXES OF LOGS £7 EACH

BAGS OF BEDDING £3 EACH

Stromsøy Recycling

Cardboard Logs

Special offer for the festive season

2 boxes of logs for only £10

We Wish You All A Merry Christmas!

CARBON NEUTRAL ISLANDS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

<p>Energy</p> <p>What could be done to reduce emissions related to energy and improve energy efficiency at schools or business premises?</p> <p>What support measures would be useful to adapt or upgrade home energy solutions?</p>	<p>Food</p> <p>What could be done to avoid waste and improve sustainability of procurement of food?</p> <p>How can food be more local?</p>
<p>Land use and blue carbon</p> <p>Our natural landscape both on land and at sea</p> <p>How can we support the biodiversity of Stromsøy?</p>	<p>Transport</p> <p>What can be developed on Stromsøy to maintain sustainability?</p> <p>What is essential?</p> <p>What support is needed in community and personal transport or needs?</p>
<p>Community resilience</p> <p>What is needed to sustain our island? We can link these ideas to our Place Plan and consider the Community Carbon Action Plan in the planning, sharing knowledge to support the community.</p>	<p>Waste</p> <p>What recycling or waste solutions could be improved or added to Stromsøy?</p>
<p>Agriculture</p> <p>Should farms face a target need?</p> <p>What opportunities can be created on Stromsøy to counter the challenges faced by farmers?</p> <p>Any other/other needs?</p> <p>Support to offset carbon and agriculture of products</p> <p>How can we support the island's economy and business resilience?</p>	<p>Have your say in the plan. Add your comments online</p>

Stromsøy Development Trust

MEET WITH GREENER ORKNEY

at SDT Offices Sunday 1st December 10.00 am

Heading off to do a beach clean at Rothiesholm starting at 10.30am for 1 hour.

Mill Bay at 12.30 for 1 hour

St Catherine's Bay at 2.30pm.



Together for Cleaner Beaches

Make a Difference - Greener Orkney have managed to rearrange travel this evening and start Cleaning tomorrow Sunday 1st December 2024

Join Us

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Get Involved

Your support is crucial in making a difference—together, we can create a cleaner environment for everyone and monitor. We have all the kit and children are welcome.

Spread Awareness

Share this event with friends and family to help raise awareness about the importance of beach clean-ups.



Join us for a cleaner future

FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAN!

Wishing Dan Whiteman a very Happy 18th Birthday on 11th December. Congratulations & love from all your family & friends. We hope you enjoy your first legal drink at the pub!

THANK YOU

On Saturday 23/11/24 Ruth Bowen and I ran a charity stall at the Christmas Craft Fair. This year's charity was Orkney Prostate Awareness. Too many in our small community have been affected by prostate cancer, so it is a cause close to our hearts. We were very proud to be able to give £220 to OPA. Thank you to all who donated goods for sale and all who supported our efforts.

Maya Bar-Tor

RECYCLED CARDBOARD LOGS

The recycling centre has plenty of recycled cardboard logs. They are a bargain at only £7.00 for 30 logs. Available at the recycling centre or contact Laura Carter eco@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com.

VAN AVAILABLE FOR CHARITY WORK

The Pomona Prefect logo peedie red van is available for charity work on the island if anyone needs a man and a van and wants to help the island reach the target. Saturdays service and cost for this is suggested as £10 per hour min donation for half hour units. All to the Stronsay Defib fund. No live animals, persons transported or dirty, sloppy stuff carried. Limited load and not a taxi service. This is a temporary thing to raise money and not a challenge to any services on the island. Call Mick for all taxi work and Sinclair Haulage for freight!

Also, if anyone needs their car karcher jet washed and vaccuming and then can do at Ellerslie as you pass for a donation to same Defib Fund. Cost is £10 per basic body wash and wheels rinsed and boot/inside vacced. Limited to cars. No monster trucks, panel vans, lorries or camper vans sorry.

This charity service will be hopefully available until there are enough defib machines in position with the people trained to cover us all 24/7. Availability is limited to Saturdays.

Any questions and to book give me a call.

Nicandro J. Porcelli, Ellerslie. Telephone or text to - 07732 276046

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Stronsay Christmas Craft Fair



Many thanks to the Stronsay Community Association, to all the crafts people and especially to everyone who came along in spite of the weather.

[SCAA - SCOTTISH CHARITY AIR AMBULANCE](#)



Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance responds, on average, to two time-critical emergency call outs every single day. We are a national charity and receive no statutory government funding, so rely 100% on donations from the public to fuel our life-saving flights across Scotland.

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Stronsay at War

The Stronsay Heritage Society is planning to create a display and accompanying booklet for the Stronsay Heritage Centre to document *life in Stronsay* during the First and Second World Wars.

We are hoping that folks both in and outwith Stronsay will send us copies/scans/photographs of the following types of items:

- Written memories or diaries (of life in Stronsay or from Stronsay folk experiencing life elsewhere because of the war)
- Photos (of Stronsay or of Stronsay folk)
- Letters
- Postcards
- Memorabilia or Souvenirs
- Ration Cards
- Recipes or household hints
- Fashion
- Products/Labels/Advertisements from local businesses
- Invoices/Receipts
- Certificates or Awards
- Programmes of Events, Fundraisers or Appeals
- Newspaper clippings about Stronsay



We can also borrow your originals and scan them ourselves if that's easier for you.

Naturally, if you'd like to donate any wartime-related artefacts or original photos to the Heritage Centre, we'd be very glad to receive them.

Please contact Jennifer Graham (07973 716278)
or Ian Cooper (616 322)
or via email: heritagesocietystronsay@gmail.com



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Records of a Bygone Age
Flag fences, ditches and dry-stone dykes
Part 4

Turning again to the November 1849 article in the John o' Groat's Journal, part of which was quoted in the August edition of the 'Limpet', after commenting on the lands of Strenzie and highlighting the excellent agricultural practices of Rev Simpson on his Glebe land, the writer continues his report:

'Turning eastward along the ridge of Stronsay I passed through an extensive tract of fine waste land, upon which small farms were dotted down at intervals; but though some improvements are here making, they are on a the very limited scale, and one regrets, after the proof of capability given by the minister, to see such land unproductive. There are here not less than 2,000 acres of land simply needing drainage and ploughing to give fine crops and productive employment to hundreds. Topping the easternmost part of the ridge I came at once upon two splendid farms, stretching along from Lambhead southwards on the east coast, from the storms on which they are protected by the grazing island of Auskerry lying parallel to them, about a mile and a half distant. These farms, Housebay and Holland, are uniformly of the finest quality of deep land, a good clayey loam, and they are farmed in a style that cannot be surpassed in any part of the kingdom. Housebay consists of 620 acres of arable, and, including 175 in

Auskerry, has 570 acres of pasture. The arable land is enclosed by substantial stone dykes 5 feet high, with properly finished cope, set it in lime, and is divided into 18 fields of equal size, thoroughly drained, and has good roads, with ditches and flagstone fences subdividing it. The steading is extensive and the first I have met in the islands which seems built on plan. Indeed the whole improvement here are evidently of recent date and show that wonder-working power of a tenant of skill and capital, backed by a liberal proprietor. Immediately outside the fence dyke I found a dozen small tenants located, having new and improved cottage steadings; and I discovered that these were the former cottars of this large farm, who had been shifted here and made independent tenants, having squares off from 9 to 12 acres each, and paying rents from £4 to £6 in money. The manager informed me that these men were, with their families, willing labourers on wages, and by working along with experienced hands from Caithness, had become as good ditchers, quarriers, and dykebuilders as their teachers, - in fact, greater part of the well finished work I saw was executed by Stronsay men; and almost the whole ploughmen on the farm were also natives.

A brief visit to the farm of Holland with its 500 acres of arable land followed, the property again finding favour with the author. While Housebay was under the ownership of a Traill laird, Holland had only recently become part of the Balfour estate and was under the tenancy of local man James Sinclair. The report stated that, while the farm was seen to be still in transition, everything was apparently well planned, was fast following in the wake of Housebay and, the writer believed, would be on a par with its neighbour in a very few years. On leaving Holland the author turned west, making his way along the central ridge of the island to the toonships of Aith and Grobister where he recorded that the farms in the districts:

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'are, or rather were, possessed by small tenants; for though the same men are retained, and no one, so far as I learned, removed by judicious squaring and laying off the ground among them, they have become the tenants of from 50 to 60 acres each. These townships are all fine deep land, with a fair slope and southern exposure. The farms are laid off in parallelograms from the ridge to the seaside, marked by deep, well cut ditches, and about mid way they are intersected by a formed road, having a deep ditch at each side, which serves to receive the water from the bounding ditches, and to conduct it to the outfalls. The road also divided each farm into a upper and lower fields, and a six shift rotation being strictly enforced by the proprietor, it was pleasing to see a 6 or 10 acre field of turnips on each farm and to find that these tenants – only just escaped from the old-fashioned rundale, and all its lazy ways and prejudices – had the good sense to appreciate the benefits likely to accrue to them from the change, and were exerting themselves to prove the small-farm system the best.'

Moving forward a few years now it is well worth looking at the farm of Midgarth where I was born and, as I lived and farmed there for over 60 years, its history is of special interest to me. It is unusual in the fact that the fields on the whole farm are enclosed by drystone dykes, with the only other holding on Stronsay to be so enclosed being the previously mentioned Glebe land, now part of Hunton, where the fields were all enclosed by dykes in the 1830s. Few, if any, of these Midgarth dykes had been built by 1860, with an area of common land still to be found on the top of the ridge of land forming a division between the farms of Whitehall and Huip to the east and Midgarth to the west.

TO DYKERS.

WANTED, a CONTRACTOR to BUILD a MARCH DYKE betwixt the Farms of CLESTRAIN and MIDGARTH, and also betwixt MIDGARTH and HUIP, in the Island of STRONSAY.

Plan and Specification to the seen with M. CALDER, Elwickbank.

1st July, 1861.

An advert for dyke builders which appeared in the Orkney Herald in August 1861. Midgarth was owned by George Traill at that time while Huip and Clestrain were part of Colonel Balfour's estates.

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It was apparently a contractor from Sanday who was the successful applicant for building these Midgarth dykes, being paid the princely sum of 6d (2½p) a fathom for their erection. It seems rather strange that dyke building at that time was usually set at a price per fathom, a measurement of six feet (just under two metres) usually associated with sailing and the sea. This march dyke, around 3,000 yards in length, was to be a minimum of 4ft (1.2m) high, with the ‘ragstones’ (or cope) to be pointed with a mixture of lime and sand. Once the dyke marking the boundary of the farm was completed, attention turned to squaring off the land into fields of around 10 -12 acres and erecting dykes between them. A feature of a number of these dykes is that a ditch was first dug and then the dyke built on top of the spoil from the ditch. This was certainly a method that meant the dykes were built far quicker and required much less stone for their construction but also meant they were more prone to settlement and collapse.



This ditch was dug and then the dyke erected on top of the excavated spoil.

Most of the field dykes in the southern part of the farm are built of stone quarried nearby, known locally as ‘grey whin’ or ‘blue whin’ while a number of dykes to the north west are red and yellow sandstone quarried from the low sandstone cliffs on the foreshore or from ‘oot o’ the ebb’ further down the shore.



The change from red sandstone on the left to grey whinstone on the right. The whinstone is of poor quality and showing signs of erosion and splitting so may well have been among the first, softer, stones to be taken from the top layers of the quarry.

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All these original boundaries, whether flag fence or drystone dyke, if well constructed would have had little need of upkeep but, as time moved on, the need for regular maintenance of those dykes increased as foundations subsided, some of the poorer quality stone taken from near the surface in the quarries began to disintegrate or burrowing rabbits undermined the foundations. As with the drystone dykes, the flag fences also needed ongoing maintenance to keep them in good condition as they had a tendency to break off at the base or lean over due to subsidence, with larger breeds of cattle also utilising them as useful scratching posts and causing further damage. There are a good number of those flag fences still to be seen and, where they have been protected by a barbed wire or electric guard fence, many remain in reasonable condition and continue to provide good shelter for livestock.

Part 5 will be in next month's Limpet
Ian Cooper
November 2024

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman Vice Chair: Damian Stout

NURSE MAXINE'S COLLECTION

Stronsay Community Council is able to announce £180.00 was raised from the recent collection to mark nurse Maxine's departure from Stronsay as the island's resident nurse. An Amazon voucher has been forwarded to Maxine with a card wishing her all the best.

CMc
26 November 2024

STRONSAY COMPANIONS GROUP

The Companions Group is happy to announce a new venue. We now gather on Wednesday afternoons in the meeting room at the SDT building from 2:15pm for an hour or so. Light refreshments will be provided.

We are seeking new folk to join the group so please get in touch if you are interested.

Shirley (438)

ORKNEY FERRIES—NEW BOOKING SYSTEM

Orkney Ferries introduced a new on-line booking system on Monday 14 October:

<https://book.orkneyferries.co.uk>.

You must register and create an account on the new system even if you have already registered and created an account on the old system. Please note that when adding a mobile phone number to your new account you must delete all spaces:

i.e. 01234 567890 becomes +441234567890.

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GRASS CUTTING TENDERS 2025

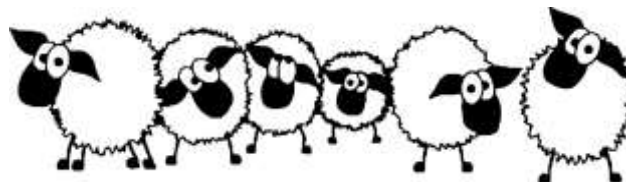
Stronsay Community Council hereby invites tenders for the contracts listed below. Details and application forms are available from the Island Link Officer and must be returned in a sealed envelope marked “Grass Cutting “ by noon on Friday 24th January 2025

Maintenance of Bay Kirkyard
Maintenance of Leaquoy Kirkyard
Grass cutting at St John’s Viewpoint
Grass cutting of Picnic Site at Ayre of the Myers
Grass cutting of Village Area – Royal Bank to Strynie
Grass cutting at Stronsay War Memorial
Grass cutting of area behind numbers 7 & 8 Whitehall
Grass cutting of grassed area at Wardhill
Grass triangular area adjoining 2 Whitehall
Grass rectangular area within numbers 7 to 14 Whitehall

Please note that as there are separate contracts for each of the above listed areas it is possible to tender for them individually.

Colin McAlpine, Island Link Officer,
Stronsay Community Council,
The Hill,
Stronsay,
KW17 2AT.
tel: 616446 email: stronsaycc@gmail.com
26 November 2024

Stronsay Stitchers



**There will be no Stitchers in December.
We will resume in 2025.**

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

Reporting back on the exploits of your councillor both at home and abroad.

The SNP Scottish Government's former *Business Ambassador for Scotland*, erstwhile member of the *Global/Scot* business network, and recipient of an honorary doctorate from Robert Gordon University has won a second term as President of the United States of America. This bizarre scenario (far stranger than fiction) puts me in mind of the title of the 1926 novel* by Orcadian author Joseph Storer Clouston (1870 – 1944)! I am so thankful I live in a monarchy.



Luggage lockers in Germany. Orkney should have them too.

During our "mini-recess" coinciding with the school October holidays, I went to a family gathering in Germany. (The photo below was taken at the Rock'Pop Museum in Gronau in Westfalen.) It is instructive as a councillor to compare local services abroad with ours at home. For example, railway stations in Germany have luggage lockers (see photograph above) which would suit our ferry waiting rooms at Kirkwall perfectly. These ones were manufactured by Locktec (www.locktec.com/en/).

At the meeting of the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee, we learnt that North Ronaldsay School received a satisfactory report from His Majesty's Inspectorate. I congratulated Mrs Mackenzie at the meeting, and say well done to everyone else involved. Following a parent's representation to me, I enquired whether Pickaquooy Centre facilities are made available to pupils staying at the Papdale Halls. The Committee was told this is currently being looked into.

At the Monitoring and Audit Committee meeting, we were informed that in the year 2023/24 OIC received 329 compliments compared to 192 complaints. These figures demonstrate that we must be doing more right than wrong, which is reassuring.

Councillors were treated to several seminars this month, on topics as diverse as the Community Development Fund, harbour infrastructure, and SSEN's interconnector project. We also had a joint finance presentation from the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (CoSLA) and the Improvement Service at which "islandness" was a significant theme. I also dropped into a drop-in session on the Orkney Community Wind Farm Project, which included a poster on the proposed Faray turbines.

Other meetings I have attended since my last [Letter](#) include: an Orkney Health & Care briefing session; a catch-up with the Council Leader; confidential members' briefings with the Chief Executive; a First Responders meeting (you may have seen my comments on the policy of the Scottish Ambulance Service in *The Orcadian*, 24th October); and meetings of the Constitutional Reform Consultative Group and the UHI Orkney (formerly Orkney College) Stakeholder Group.

Although fog nearly thwarted my attempt to fly to Papa Westray to attend their community council meeting, this time it did not succeed.

I wish all readers of my *Letter* a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
Member for the North Isles Ward,
Depute Convener Orkney & Shetland VJB

West Manse, Sanday
stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk

Letter from School Place is also
available on-line at clackson.info

Photo credits: Stephen Clackson & Dunstan Clackson

* "The Lunatic in Charge"



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REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES **2024**

The following has been received from the Corporate Director, Strategic, Performance and Business Solutions and if anyone has any comment or issue regarding the polling districts and polling places, please forward these to electionoffice@orkney.gov.uk by 5pm on Monday 16 December 2024.

In accordance with Section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983, as amended, Orkney Islands Council is undertaking a review of polling districts and polling places within the Orkney Islands Area of the Orkney and Shetland Parliamentary Constituency.

























In order to assist us with the review I would like to take this opportunity to invite any comments from yourself with regards to the current arrangements in place for Polling Stations. I enclose herewith the [list of current Polling Stations which was used at the UK parliamentary election earlier this year along with the comments for any proposed changes, a map of where the polling stations are situated and a questionnaire, all for your information](#). I have also attached a link [here](#) for you to complete the questionnaire online if you prefer.

In respect of Kirkwall East and Kirkwall West the proposal is to change the polling station to the Pickaquoy Centre. In addition, although the North and South ferry-linked isles are predominantly postal voting, for those who wish to vote in person, e.g. electors residing in Hoy & Walls, Flotta and North Isles, it is proposed that the polling station is also the Pickaquoy Centre. Previously, the St Magnus Centre has been used however parking is limited at this venue, and space within the venue for the 7 polling stations has led to a crowded venue, particularly at busy times. In recent elections, the Pickaquoy Centre has been used on a temporary basis and provided a more spacious environment with ample parking. We would welcome views on the suitability of this venue.

I would also welcome any comments with regard to accessibility, ease of use etc. Your assistance in this matter is very much appreciated.

Sent for and on behalf of
Karen Greaves, Corporate Director, SPBS

CMC
16 Nov. 2024

-  The Pickaquooy Centre
-  Kirkwall East
-  Polygon 12
-  Hoy and Flotta
-  Kirkwall West
-  North Isles
-  St Andrews Community Centre
-  St Andrews and Deerness
-  Holm Community Centre
-  Holm
-  Hope Primary School
-  Orphir
-  Orphir Church
-  Birsay
-  Firth Community Centre
-  Firth and Stenness
-  Warehouse Buildings
-  Evie and Rendall
-  Harray Community Centre
-  Harray and Sandwick
-  Stromness and Graemsay
-  Birsay Community Hall
-  Rendall Community Centre
-  South Ronaldsay and Burray



STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Contact details:

Community Development Officer - development@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com

Recycling Centre and bike hire - eco@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com

Wellbeing Coordinator - sdtwellbeing@gmail.com

The Board - office@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com

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OUTER NORTH ISLES TIMETABLE – SUMMER 2025

The Orkney Islands Council Service Manager – Transportation, has advised that unfortunately, the amendments proposed to the Outer North Isles timetable cannot be accommodated by Orkney Ferries Ltd at this time due to the implications this would have to the maintenance/training schedule, crewing hours and hours of work regulations. The Transportation Service and Orkney Ferries Ltd are currently looking at alternative ways to serve the Outer North Isles during Summer 2025, including the possibility of a passenger vessel, in preparation of the future trials by electric passenger vessel later in 2025. This proposal will be subject to crewing availability and budget. Further consultation with the relevant transport representatives and stakeholders will be undertaken prior to timetable setting for any proposed passenger service.

Background

The draft timetables in respect of ferry services to be operated by Orkney Ferries Limited during summer 2025 was presented to the Ferry Services Consultative Forum for consideration on 20 August 2024 following a period of consultation with communities.

The draft timetables and feedback from the Ferry Services Consultative Forum was presented to the Board of Orkney Ferries on 5 September 2024.

The report and draft timetables will be considered by the Development and Infrastructure Committee on 12 November 2024.

Outer North Isles Timetable

For operational reasons, the Monday and Wednesday sailings to Westray have been amended to revert to 1035 from 1200. The later sailing was trialled during summer 2024 however the timetable change did not provide sufficient turnaround time for crew to carry out essential maintenance checks.

A request was made from the Westray Transport Representative to amend the sailings to 1300 as it was more suitable for the community. Following consideration by Orkney Ferries it was noted that this request could not be accommodated as it would have an impact to the timetable and crewing hours.

An amendment to the timetable was made on Friday mornings to give a more realistic arrival time to Kirkwall, noting that the arrival times are often delayed. This affected the Sunday arrival into Kirkwall due to delays on the loading of the Papa Westray vessel and only one linkspan.

It was noted by all North Isles Transport Representatives that the Friday timetable pushed the vessels to arrive later at Kirkwall which was not a preferred option. For example, the Stronsay/Eday vessel would arrive at 1120 instead of 1100.

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It was noted that the loss of overnighting in the isles has meant the loss of early morning sailings on a Wednesday and Friday morning and due to crewing hours, it is not feasible to start the operating day earlier without pulling back the timetable elsewhere.

To address the comments received from members of the community about delays to Kirkwall and conflicts with appointment times, the summer 2024 timetable now better reflects the arrival times into Kirkwall, noting that earlier times cannot be achieved due to crewing hours.

A passenger service covering the Outer North Isles will be explored further with the view to implement during summer 2025 ahead of the ZEVI trial period. This service could potentially provide early morning connectivity which was lost following the loss of overnighting the vessels in the isles. This will be explored further by Orkney Ferries and will be subject to budget availability.

The Outer North Isles Sunday Excursion timetable will be finalised once all key dates are received back from communities.

Accompanying the above update is a DRAFT of the Summer 2025 Outer North Isles ferry timetable (*see next page*).

If you have any comment to make on the information provided, please contact Shane Hourston, Stronsay Community Council's Transport Representative, tel: 07593965600 or email s.hourston@yahoo.co.uk

CMC

08 Oct. 2024

(SEE DRAFT TIMETABLE ON NEXT PAGE)



**Outer North Isles Ro-Ro Service
Effective from 04 May - 28 September 2025 Inclusive**

Port	Sunday***		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	0840	0920	0700	0740	0720	0700	0720	0740	0700	0720	0740	0720	0700	0740
Kirkwall dep														
Eday arr	0955					0855								
Eday dep	1005					0905								
Stronsay arr	1040		0840		0855		0840		0840		0900		0840	
Stronsay dep	1050		0855		0910		0855		0855		0915		0850	
Sanday arr		1025		0905				0905		0905			0925	
Sanday dep		1035		0915				0915		0915			0935	
Eday arr			0930				0930		0930				0955	
Eday dep			0945				0945		0945				1005	
Westray arr		1045		0845				0845		0845			0845	
Westray dep		1055		0900				0900		0900			0900	
Kirkwall arr	1230	1220	1100	1040	1050	1005	1100	1025	1040	1100	1025	1040	1120	1025
Kirkwall dep			1115	1035	1300	1030	1115	1035	1055	1300	1040			
Stronsay arr			1250				1250							
Stronsay dep			1300				1300							
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Westray arr			1745					1745		1745			1745	
Westray dep			1800		1945	1715**	1955	1755		1755			1755	
Kirkwall arr	1940	1925	1905	1940	1945	2005	1955	1920	1940	1920	1800	1955	1920	1940

Vehicle bookings must be made one hour before the departure from Kirkwall either online, or by phone during office opening hours.

* This sailing is not available for vehicle bookings Westray to Kirkwall. ** These sailings may be delayed due to cargo operations.

RO-RO TIMETABLE 4 MAY - 28 SEPT 2025 INCLUSIVE, excluding the following dates for special excursions, posters are on display advertising local events: 14 & 15 June 26 & 27 July, 02 August, 09 & 10 August and 16, 17 & 18 August 2024.

*** On the following SUNDAYS there will be special excursions (North Ronaldsay: 09 June, 14 July, 04 August, 08 September, Papa Westray: 30 June, 25 August). These excursions will not affect all Sunday sailings - please see excursion timetable.

1. Vehicles must be available for boarding 20 minutes before departure, passengers 10 minutes before departure.

2. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.

3. No Show Charges - All cancellations must be made at least 12 hours prior to the scheduled sailing time either by phone or email, or full charges may apply.

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SCRAP CAR SCHEME

Stronsay Community Council is pleased to announce the reopening of the Scrap Car Scheme for a further five vehicles.

The scheme will be administered by the Community Council and will remain open until five vehicles have been registered for removal. The vehicle owner will be responsible for arranging for the vehicle's disposal.

The haulage cost from Stronsay to Kirkwall will be met by Stronsay Community Council.

If you wish to dispose of a scrap car please:-

1. Request a Verification Form from the Island Link Officer – tel: 616446 email: stronsaycc@gmail.com or by writing to the address below;
2. Complete the Verification Form and liaise with the haulier for the vehicle's delivery to Kirkwall;
3. The completed Verification Form must be presented to the scrap yard at the time of vehicle delivery, along with all necessary documentation, (the vehicle's V5 document) to meet the DVLA and dismantler requirements.

A Verification Form will be required for each separate delivery of a car to the scrap yard.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer,
Tel: 616446
Email: stronsaycc@gmail.com

20 August 2024

The Digital Phone Switchover



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What you need to know

What is the digital phone switchover?

The UK's telephone network is changing. Between now and January 2027 most telephone providers will be moving their customers from old analogue landlines over to new upgraded landline services using digital technology. This means services that rely on the old landline system such as home phones, telecare and health devices will need to be compatible.



How will it affect me/what do I need to do?

The good news is – your landline isn't going anywhere and for most consumers and businesses, this change will be straightforward. In fact, many customers are already making the switch when they upgrade to fibre broadband.

Your telecoms provider (for example, Vodafone or BT) **should contact you before the switchover** to check in and discuss what you need to do to make sure any reliant services you may have aren't affected. However, we're encouraging everyone to know what to expect.

The change may be as simple as plugging your phone into a broadband router rather than the phone socket on the wall, or you may be given a new router to do this.

Please note that your provider will move you to a digital service before January 2027. If you care for a vulnerable person, please keep an eye out for correspondence notifying of a switch over date.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your telecoms provider directly.



Do you or someone you know depend on their landline and/or use a telecare device connected to a phone line?

If yes, then please contact the Telecare Team at Orkney Islands Council.

Tel: 01856 873 535. Extension 2635

The Digital Phone Switchover



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What you need to know

Other Devices

If you have other devices connected to your phone line that you may have purchased, such as alarm systems, you might need to upgrade your device to make sure it is compatible.

If you are unsure about how a device in your home or business might be affected, it is recommended you contact the equipment supplier or device manufacturer to find out whether it will remain functional on a digital phone line.

People who use health monitoring or telecare devices should check if the switchover will affect how they work.

Key Points To Remember

If you have any queries or have no means of making emergency calls **you need to contact your communications provider.**

If you have a telecare alarm please contact the telecare team at Orkney Islands Council: 01856 873 535 Extension: 2635

Check with the appropriate equipment manufacturers if you have any other devices supported by your existing telephone line (such as intruder alarms) to check it will work digitally.

Most telecare alarm providers will have upgrade plans, if your phone line has or is due to be upgraded by your communication provider let them know.

In a Power Outage

Digital landlines cannot carry an electrical power connection, so in the event of a power cut they will not work. If you have a mobile phone this can still be used, but if you've no other means of calling the emergency services your telecoms provider will offer a solution to allow calls to be made to emergency services.

You should tell your telecoms provider now if you have no other way of making emergency calls.

Scams

There have been incidents reported of scammers contacting vulnerable users in relation to digital migration. Communication providers or telecare services will never call you to ask for money.

Contact is usually by letter and charges are only applied to normal invoices. If you are in any doubt as to the authenticity of a caller, just hang up and call your communications or telecare provider to report the incident, using a trusted phone number, such as the one on the bill.



Let's talk about smoking

Stopping smoking saves money



The savings below are based on a 20 a day smoker quitting in 2023



Get support to quit and save from Quit Your Way Orkney:

Email: ork.quityourway@nhs.scot

Phone: 01856 888084 or 0800 0356344 (Freephone)

Online: scan the QR code using your phone camera



You can also visit your local **community pharmacy** or **GP Practice** for free stop smoking support

Quit Your Way Orkney Stop Smoking Service



**QUIT
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with our
support

Quit Your Way Orkney is your free, friendly, local NHS stop smoking service.

Support from Quit Your Way Orkney includes:

- Help to develop a personal 12-week quit plan
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Get started today

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0356344 (Freephone number)

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Online: scan the QR code below



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Have you been supported by Quit Your Way Orkney before?

If you have used our service before and returned to smoking we will support you again, without judgement, to quit your way.



DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

ISLES SPECIAL COLLECTION ROTAS



The dates for the isles special collections up to 31 March 2025 are detailed below.

If you wish to have domestic bulky items uplifted you can apply online via the Councils Website, see link <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/S/Special-Refuse-Collections.htm>, if you do not have internet access then please contact Customer Services on telephone number 873535 to book. Bookings must be placed as soon as possible and up to 2 working days prior to the week commencing collection date, any special collection bookings received after 5pm on the Wednesday prior to the week commencing collection date **will not be processed and will be held over until the next available collection date.**

Special collections from commercial premises can be arranged by contacting Development and Infrastructure on telephone number 873535 extension 2320.

Eday

Week Commencing: 30th September 2024, 9 December 2024 and 24 February 2025

Graemsay

Week Commencing: 14 October 2024 and 20 January 2025

Hoy and Flotta

Week Commencing: 21 October 2024 and 27 January 2025

North Ronaldsay

Week Commencing: 7 October 2024, 6 January 2025 and 17 March 2025

Papa Westray

Week Commencing: 28 October 2024, and 13 January 2025 and 24 March 2025

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

Week Commencing: 11 November 2024, 13 January 2025 and 10 March 2025

Sanday

Week Commencing: 28 October 2024, 9 December 2024 and 17 February 2025

Shapinsay

Week Commencing: 14 October 2024, 2 December 2024 and 27 January 2025

Stronsay

Week Commencing: 28 October 2024, 2 December 2024 and 10 February 2025

Westray

Week Commencing: 11 November 2024 and 3 February 2025

For further information on refuse and recycling services please refer to the Council's website www.orkney.gov.uk

DONNA BLYTH EDUCATION SERVICES

Donna Blyth BA Hons, MEd, PGCE, SQH, CPT3A, CELTA

Email: donnablyth@outlook.com

Tel: 01857 616242 / 07852 805780

Tuition in English Language, English Literature, EAL and Literacy for learners of all abilities from age 5 - adult

£25.00 per hour for 1:1 tuition

£45.00 per hour for groups of 2 or more depending on requirements (max 4)

Tuition in clarinet performance and music theory up to grade 5

£15 per 30min lesson for 1:1 tuition

Assessment for Applications for Examination Access Arrangements

Assessments and reports for EHCP and Coordinated Support Plan applications

I am GTCS, DBS and PVG Scheme registered.

I have valid, current Safeguarding and Prevent certification

References available if required

All enquiries and services provided are treated in confidence as far as possible and according to KCSIE legislation 2023

STRONSAY MEN'S SHED

The Stronsay Men's Shed have their own Facebook page up and running now, if you would like to contact them direct please do pm them.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558772842680>

STRONSAY CHESS CLUB



Meets from 12 to 2pm every Friday in the Fishmart Café
Chess sets provided

SWIMMING POOL - OPENING TIMES

Charges - Adults £3, Children £1.50, Private Hires £15.

To book a private hire phone Elsie on 616238.

Monday	Adult lane 6:30-7:10:00	Public session 7:10– 7:50
Thursday	Private hire 6:30-7:10	Public session 7:10-7:50
Saturday	Private hire 2:00-2:40	Public session 2:40-3:20

OVERSEERS WANTED !

Always looking for reliable overseers for the swimming pool, please! Previous volunteers welcome. Involves taking payment, handing out bands, helping with evacuation procedures etc. Contact Mairi Dennison via Facebook messenger or tel 616331. We politely request that parents/guardians whose children use the pool regularly take a turn at overseeing, in particular.

STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Why not hire the Stronsay Community hall? We have a kitchen and fully licensed bar, with two large halls and a small meeting room; perfect for weddings, parties, games, meetings and much more!

- Disco equipment
- Table tennis
- Badminton
- Air hockey
- Pool Table



For more information & bookings contact Anne-Maree Carter
email

annemaree.carter@btinternet.com

Rooms for hire from only £2 per hour plus hydro charge.
Adult supervision (over 18) must be present during hire.

A NOTE FROM THE LIMPET'S EDITOR

Please let me know if anything in the Limpet requires updating or deleting. To contact the Limpet send an email to editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk or write to "Claremont, KW17 2AR".

STRONSAY ON YOUTUBE

- [Bicycle tour of Stronsay in August 2022 \(poor audio quality\)](#)
- [59° North](#)
- [Links House, Stronsay: Finding the Mesolithic in Orkney](#)
- [Stronsay, Orkney](#)
- [The mystery of the Stronsay Monster](#)
- [Orkney—living and working](#)
- [1930's stone crushing machine in action on Stronsay](#)
- [Stronsay harbour \(taken from inside the harbour\)](#)
- [Five reasons to visit Stronsay](#)

HANDY EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Ebenezer Stores stronsaystores@gmail.com

Olivebank m.williamson1@btconnect.com

Fishmart café fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com

For telephone numbers see the back page of this edition.

OUR LADY'S CHAPEL, PIERHEAD

OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASSES

Our Lady's Chapel on the pier is open for public Masses with the permission of the Bishop of Aberdeen.

Mass times are as follows:-

Sunday & holidays: 11am. Tuesday: 8.00am. All other days: 11.20am

GOLGOTHA MONASTERY, PAPA STRONSAY

DAILY STREAMING BROADCAST

There is a daily streaming broadcast from Golgotha Monastery, Papa Stronsay.

<http://www.youtube.com/c/TransalpineRedemptorists>

The broadcast runs from 4pm – 5:30pm. Hours shown are approximate.

4pm - 4:30pm Short talk by one of the priests.

4:30pm - 5pm Recitation of the Rosary.

5pm - 5:15pm Saint Patrick's Breastplate & prayer to Saint Michael.

5:15pm - 5:30pm Devotions & prayers of the day led by one of the brothers.

STRONSAY KIRK

Weekly service at 11am.

Contact Kirk Secretary elsie.dennison@live.co.uk

Stronsay kirk's website:

<http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/stronsaykirk>

Stronsay kirk's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1553904828107651>

LOCAL BUSINESSES



Tel: 01857 616 469 Mob: 07741 778 750

We are a brand new local company, we decided to take the plunge after many years of working for others, to set up our own business. Craig has many years experience in general building work, labouring, ground work ect. I am a time served joiner. We have all our own equipment so no need for the extra cost of hiring from elsewhere.

We can do all types of ground work, pipe laying, guttering and roofing. Replacement windows and doors, finishings, concrete and general work. All types of work considered, no job too small, all work finished to a high standard. Full public liability insurance, safe, reliable and trustworthy.

Reasonable prices.

Contact Craig or Christine for more information.

Local business adverts are free!
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LOCAL BUSINESSES



Happy
Feet
Foot & Ear
Care 

happyfeetorkney@outlook.com

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Happy Feet Foot and Ear Care

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Seasonal vegetables available daily. Bedding, perennial and vegetable plants.

Local honey in season according to availability.

Open 09.00-17.00 Mon-Sat.

Redhouse, Lower Whitehall, Stronsay. Tel: (01857) 616 377

The Old Manse Bed and Breakfast

Logie Easter, Kildary

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We have now extended the days and service of the bus.
 You can now book the bus between 9:00 and 3:00 Monday-Friday and we can arrange to drop/collect at the plane or ferry on request.

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Winter Pupil Timetable effective from Wednesday 30th October

Winter pupil transport timetable 24-25

North End

0828	Rose Cottage
0829	Thorfinn
0831	Council Houses
0833	Bankhouse
0836	Caravan
0841	Airport
0846	School
0850	Bayview
0855	School

Central/Rothiesholm

0835	Burrowgate (end of road)
0845	School
0850	Lower Leaquoy – end of road (pick up point)
0855	School

South End

0827	Russland
0829	Sunnyside
0830	Blinkbonny
0833	East Bank
0836	Holin
0840	School
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A rectangular sign with a black border. The title 'Bar Opening Hours' is centered at the top in a large, bold, serif font. Below the title, the opening hours for each day of the week are listed in a two-column format. At the bottom of the sign, there is a contact email address.

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	6pm - 12am
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	6pm - 12am
Friday	5pm - 1am
Saturday	5pm - 1am
Sunday	6pm - 12am

Contact StronsayHotel@Gmail.com

From Wednesday 9 October 2024

FISHMART CAFE OPENING TIMES



A table listing the opening times for Fishmart Cafe. The background features a faint, stylized illustration of a fish. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font. The days of the week are listed on the left, and the opening times are listed on the right. For Saturday and Sunday, there is an additional note in pink text: '(Breakfast served all day)'.

Monday	CLOSED	
Tuesday	CLOSED	
Wednesday	9am - 2pm	
Thursday	10am - 4pm	
Friday	9am - 2pm	
Saturday	9am - 2pm	(Breakfast served all day)
Sunday	10:30am - 2:30pm	(Breakfast served all day)

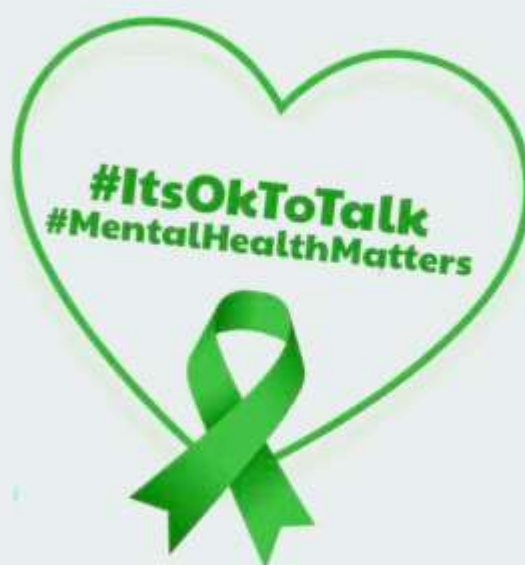
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For anyone who needs some
support right now. ❤️

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Abuse - 080820005000
Refuge - 08082000247
shout text 85258



STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

As from 7 October 2024, the following have been confirmed as members of Stronsay Community Council: -

Dominic BLYTH	St. Catherines, Stronsay, KW17 2AN tel: 616242 email: saniman@live.co.uk
Shane HOURSTON	Housebay Cottage, Stronsay, KW17 2AJ tel: 07593965600 email: s.hourston@yahoo.co.uk
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Louise McQUAID	Bayview, Stronsay, KW17 2AR tel: 616376 email: louisemcquaid@yahoo.co.uk
James SEATON	Thorfinn, Stronsay, KW17 2AS tel: 07470111871 email: safehandsno_1@hotmail.com
Damian STOUT Vice Chair	Linksness, Stronsay, KW17 2AT tel: 616258 email: damiienstout@btinternet.com
Shirley WHITEMAN Chair	St. John's Cottage, Stronsay, KW17 2AT tel: 616438 email: shirleywhiteman@icloud.com

The role of a Community Councillor is to ensure that they work for the best interests of the whole community and remain representative of, and accountable to, the represented community.

If you have a community related issue that you wish to bring to the attention of the Community Council, please contact any of the above members, or the Clerk, tel: 616446 email: stronsaycc@gmail.com

CMc
7 October 2024

USEFUL INFORMATION

Post Office opening hours Monday to Saturday 8:30am - 5:00pm. Sunday closed all day
 Post collection times Ebenezer post box 7:30am, Monday to Saturday
 Bank (RBS) Thursday 9:30am to 3pm (closed 12-1 lunch), phone 616262
 OIC Special collection. Week Commencing Monday 2 Dec 2024 & 10 Feb 2025
 Stronsay Island Link Office. . . Open on request, email stronsaycc@gmail.com
 SDT Office Wood's Yard 10am - 11am Mon-Fri. Phone 616410
 Sunday service at the Kirk . . . Weekly service at 11am
 Our Lady's Chapel, pier head Mass: Sun & holidays 11am, Tue 8am, other days 11.20am
 Next mobile library van visit . <https://tinyurl.com/orkmoblib>
Weekly rubbish collection Tuesday (bags out by **8am** but **not** on the night before!)
 Recycling skips nearly full? . . Send email to recycling@orkney.gov.uk
 Forward scam emails to report@phishing.gov.uk
 Stronsay's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/476168409207488>

EMERGENCY! POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE or COASTGUARD - dial 999

Airy Fairy 616231	Silver Darlings 616412
Bank (<i>Thursday only</i>) . . 616262	Sinclair Haulage 600404
Community council 616446	Star Island Soap 616281
Companions Club 616352	Stranded seals, etc 616207/206/498
Craftship Enterprise 0778 511 1126	Stronsay Band 616345
Doctor 616321	Stronsay Pub & Hotel . . . 616407
Ebenezer Stores 616339	Stronsay school 616246
Ebenezer Oil Heating . . . 616207	Stronsay taxi, school 616376 <i>or</i>
<i>or</i> 07500 682 867	transport, mechanic 07508 884 024
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Golgotha monastery. . . . 616210	
<i>or</i> contact@the-sons.org	Balfour hospital (24/7). . . 01856 888000
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<i>or</i> annemaree.carter@btinternet.com	Electricity
Highland Fuels 01856 873766	general enquiries 0800 048 3516
Island Link Officer 616475	<i>(lines open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm)</i>
Kirk secretary 616238	problems (24/7) . . . 0800 300 999
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